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ACTIVATION

- ESF 11** Hurricane Sandy and Nor'easter Storm, October 27, 2012 – November 19, 2012 – Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11 was activated at the Regional Response Coordination Centers (RRCC) in FEMA Regions III, II, I, and at the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) in Washington, DC to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and States in addressing agricultural and natural resources needs associated with Hurricane Sandy and the subsequent Nor'easter. At the request of FEMA, ESF-11 deployed personnel to the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) in Boston, Massachusetts to develop debris management guidance and the SEOC in Albany, New York to provide guidance on USDA Food Nutrition Services (FNS) Programs, and the Joint Field Office in Queens, New York to provide assistance to the state's ESF-11 staff to address agriculture concerns.

TRAINING

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Desk Officer Training: (Participants were from the following agencies: APHIS; FNS; Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS); The Department of the Interior (DOI); West Virginia Department of Agriculture; Indiana Department of Homeland Security; Indiana Board of Animal Health; Indiana Department of Education; Rural Development; the American Red Cross; and Region V FEMA Corps volunteers.

- Boston, MA – October 3, 2012
- South Carolina – October 11, 2012
- West Virginia – October 16, 2012
- Indiana – October 17, 2012
- Illinois – October 30, 2012

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the RRCC Perry Nuclear Power Plant Plume Release discussion-based exercise, October 2-3, 2012.

EXERCISES

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV participated in the FEMA Region IV All Hazards Plan Table Top Exercise October 10, 2012

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- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated with MI SEOC drill in preparations for the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant exercise, October 17, 2012
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Region I IPW/TEPW on October 18, 2012
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the Great Shakeout Exercise on October 18, 2012
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the MI SEOC Palisades Ingestion Exercise, October 30, 2012
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator FEMA Region IX evaluated Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Dress Rehearsal Exercise at county EOC. San Luis Obispo Co. CA

PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II participated in FEMA Region II's RRCC orientation meetings, October 1-3, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator FEMA Region X reviewed the AK Local Environmental Observers website, an AK tribal network to document unusual plants and wildlife, extreme weather, erosion, flooding, droughts and wildfires on October 2, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator FEMA VI and Animal Care staff reviewed and suggested edits to the TX Animal Health Commission Animal Response Plan on October 2, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II participated in the NY State Agriculture and Markets' Regional Agriculture Disaster Response and Recovery Workshop in Lake Placid, NY, October 9, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Region I Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) Meeting on October 11, 2012.

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-  The ESF-11 Coordinators through the country participated in the NASAAEP Conference Call October 11, 2012.
-  ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X provided APHIS (PPQ, VS, and Tribal liaison) contacts to a contractor preparing animal and plant pest/disease emergency response plans for the Confederated Colville Tribes of WA, during the week of October 15, 2012.
-  USDA State Emergency Board Meetings (SEB) – ESF-11 Coordinators provide an update to Board members on ESF-11 preparedness activities:
 - October 15, 2012 – Nebraska SEB
 - October 16, 2012 – Kansas SEB
 - October 17, 2012 – Iowa SEB
 - October 18, 2012 – Oklahoma SEB
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the New England States Animal Agricultural Security Alliance Monthly Call on October 16, 2012.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II conducted a coordination meeting with the NJ State Distributing Agency and FNS Mid Atlantic Regional Office (MARO) regarding the NJ School development Authority response plan, October 16, 2012.
-  ESF-11 Coordinator FEMA Region VII participated in the Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture conference call on October 16, 2012.
-  ESF-11 Coordinator FEMA Region IX reviewed FEMA Draft Bioterrorism/Medical Counter Measures Plan on October 16, 2012.
-  ESF-11 Coordinator FEMA Region IX met with new Regional FSIS contact and provided online and other training opportunities on October 17, 2012.

PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III participated in the FEMA Consequence Management Subcommittee, Presidential Inauguration Planning meeting on October 17, 2012.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Region I National Preparedness Webinar on October 17, 2012.
-  ESF-11 Coordinator FEMA VI briefed the ESF-11 Hurricane Isaac After Action Review/Corrective Action Plan at FEMA Region's VI's RISC meeting. The regional coordinator will lead a Carcass Work Group to review existing policy and make recommendations regarding federal assistance for carcass removal after natural disasters beginning on October 17, 2012.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V conducted a state agriculture emergency coordinators' call regarding ingestion exercises in OH and MI, October 18, 2012.
-  ESF-11 Coordinator FEMA Region VI led FEMA Region VI's Animal Carcass Workgroup in drafting initial objectives, tasks and timeline, and began review of current FEMA policy, during the week of October 22, 2012.
-  As a follow-up from Hurricane Isaac, the ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI completed AAR and assisted the Department of Health/Human Services with FNS service contacts for USDA reimbursement for child care centers for nutrition programs, during the week of October 22, 2012.
-  ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX reviewed the regions draft All Hazards Plan on October 22, 2012.
-  ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X met with FEMA Planning and GIS staff to discuss the availability and use of agricultural data (livestock, crops) in disaster response on October 22, 2012 in Bothell, WA.

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- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA X attended the WA RISC meeting to review the Cascadia Seduction Zone earthquake and Regional All Hazards plans and synchronization matrices on October 23 in Seattle, WA.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the RISC meeting on October 23, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II participated in the NY State Agriculture and Markets' Regional Agriculture Disaster Response and Recovery Workshop in Geneseo, NY on October 24, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII attended the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Regional Response Team meeting in Kansas City, KS on October 24, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX met with FEMA National Disaster Recovery Coordinator (NDRF) to discuss assignment of USDA as Drought Recovery Coordinator on October 24, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Executive Education Seminar on October 25, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV's participated in the GA VS One Health Meeting on October 26, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV presented the first lecture of the Emergency Management Course for Veterinary students at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia on October 29, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII participated in the Tribal Assistance Coordination-Group (TAC-G) Hurricane Sandy call Kansas City on October 29, 2012.

PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V met with FEMA Individual Assistance Coordinator regarding the program's applicability for agriculture on October 30, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII participated in the USDA Midwest Regional Drought Meeting. USDA is lead federal agency. IL State RD Director is USDA Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator responsible for day to day recovery coordination efforts. Omaha NE
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA VIII attended EPA Regional Response Team meeting which included a brief and discussion on the Yellowstone River oil spill.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA IX and EPA On Scene Coordinators reviewed draft Russian River Area Contingency Plan for potential use during disaster response.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX provided comments for the updated Animal Care State Support Framework outlining the roles and responsibilities of AC staff in support of disaster operations.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X participated in the WA Food Protection Task Force meeting to review the WA Food Emergency Response Plan and provide an federal ESF-11 update on Food Safety on October 30, 2012 in Puyallup, WA.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I assisting Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency on the Animal Sheltering Workgroup.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I serving on RISC Steering Committee Workgroup

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CURRENT PROJECTS

- The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I assisting Maine Emergency Management Agency on the Animal Sheltering Workgroup.
- The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III is serving on the Strategic National Risk Assessment Working Group.
- The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III is serving on the FEMA All-hazards Planning Working Group.
- The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V worked with FSA and RMA in regard the availability of emergency programs and agriculture insurance to mitigate the impact of chemical and nuclear events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV will participate in the Florida SART Training January 28-30, 2013
- The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV will provide the Florida ESF-11 Desk Officer Refresher Training January 30, 2013

WELCOME

- The Western Region ESF-11 Program welcomes Scott Roscoe as the new Region VIII Coordinator

